

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (cancelled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): A coated article, comprising:

an article having a surface coated with a hydrophilic coating, said hydrophilic coating comprising:

~~an acrylic~~ a polyacrylate or polymethacrylate polymer matrix, said ~~acrylic~~ polyacrylate or polymethacrylate polymer having an equivalent weight of functional moiety in the range of 200 to 1000 g/eq. and forming a three-dimensional network through crosslinking bridges at said functional moiety; and

a hydrophilic polymer, said hydrophilic polymer associated with the supporting polyacrylate or polymethacrylate polymer,

the ~~acrylic~~ polyacrylate or polymethacrylate polymer matrix having a crosslink density such that the coating retains slip for up to 24 hours in ambient aqueous medium.

Claim 15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (previously amended): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is selected from the group consisting of poly(N-vinyl lactams), poly(ethylene oxide), poly(propylene oxide), polyacrylamides, cellulose, polyacrylic acids, polyvinyl alcohols, and polyvinyl ethers.

Claim 17 (original): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the crosslink density is in the range of 100-10,000 g/equivalent crosslink.

Claim 18 (previously amended): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the crosslinking bridges are selected from the group consisting of moieties derived from aziridines, carbodiimides, epoxides, unsaturated carbon-carbon and carbon-heteroatom bonds, and melamine and urea/formaldehyde condensates.

Claim 19 (previously amended): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the surface is selected from the group consisting of ocular devices, lenses, medical devices, membranes, recreational products, open cell foams, and closed cell foams.

Claims 20-31 (cancelled)

Claim 32 (previously added): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the crosslink density is in the range of 100-1000 g/equivalent crosslink.

Claim 33 (currently amended): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the polymer of said polymer matrix has ~~a weight~~ an average molecular weight in the range of 5,000 to 10,000,000.

Claim 34 (currently amended): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the polymer of said polymer matrix has ~~a weight~~ an average molecular weight in the range of 30,000 to 100,000.

Claim 35 (previously added): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the polymer of the polymer matrix and the hydrophilic polymer are present in a ratio in the range of 1:10 to 20:1.

Claim 36 (previously added): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the polymer of the polymer matrix and the hydrophilic polymer are present in a ratio in the range of 1:3 to 5:1.

Claim 37 (previously added): The coated article of claim 14, further comprising:
one or more additives selected from the group consisting of co-solvents, plasticizers, anti-foaming agents, anti-crater agents, coalescing solvents, bioactive agents, antimicrobial agents, antithrombogenic agents, antibiotics, pigments, paint additives, radiopacifiers and ion conductors.

Claim 38 (previously added): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the hydrophilic polymer comprises poly(vinyl pyrrolidone).

Claim 39 (new): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the polyacrylate or polymethacrylate polymer matrix is a copolymer comprising a polymeric system having no functional moieties and a polyacrylate or polymethacrylate.